Memorandum by Kutch Passengers Association to the Western Railway

2373. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kutch Passengers Association had recently demonstrated at the Western Railway Headquarters at Bombay and presented a memorandum to the General Manager; if so, what are their main demands;

(b) whether the timings of Gandhidham Express would be changed to suit the needs of the people of Kutch;

(c) whether a decision has been taken to augment the strength of this train; if not, what is the average waiting list from both ends;

(d) whether there is a proposal to name the train as Kutch Express; if so, by when; and

(e) whether Gandhidham would be delinked from Ajmer Division and placed under Baroda Division for the convenience of the people of Gujarat; if so, by when a decision in this regard would be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The main demands were:- (i) Change in the timings of 31|32 Bombay Central-Gandhidham Express. (ii) Augmentation of the load of 31|32 Bombay Central-Gandhidham Express (iii) Construction of a new BG line from Gandhidham to Bhuj Nalia. (iv) Formation of Gandhidham Division. (v) Increasing the length & height of platforms at Bhachau, Samakhiali and Gandhidham.

(vi) Renaming of Gandhidham Express as Kutch Mail or Kutch Express.

(b) Not for the present.

(c) No, Sir. The number of passengers left on the waiting list per day during Sep, '88 to Feb. '89 in Gandhidham Exp. were as under:—

Station	AC 2-tier	Ist	IInd
At Bombay Central	1	1	65
At Gandhidham	7	3	12

(d) Yes, Sir. With effect from 1-5-1989.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration.

Change in the name of Pune-Ahmedabad Train

2374 DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals have been received by Government from various passengers organisations to change the name of the Pune-Ahmedabad Train to Ahimasa Express; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Suggested names are "Gandhi-Tilak Express", "Ahimasa Express", "Kasturba Express", "Shraddhanjali Express",

झांसी में रेल पुल का निर्माण

2375. **डा० गोविन्द दास रिछारिया** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन्होंने झांसी में झांसी स्टेशन के प्लेटफार्म से सीपरी बाजार क्षेत्र के लिये यात्रियों के लिये एक पुल का निर्माण किये जाने की घोषणा की